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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a five-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the final Office Action mailed November 15, 2002 and the Notice of Appeal mailed May 15, 2003 and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 19, 2003, said period of response being extended from July 19, 2003 to December 19, 2003.

Our check in the amount of \$2010.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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